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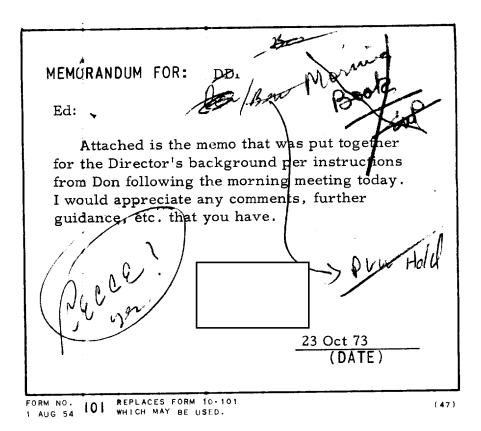
**MEMORANDUM** 

SUBJECT:

Joint Soviet-American Reconnaissance to Monitor Middle East Cease-Fire

- 1. This memorandum outlines considerations involved and steps that would be required to implement a proposal to monitor a Middle East cease-fire arrangement by means of internationally sponsored joint Soviet-American reconnaissance of the affected areas. The discussion below focuses only on technical-operational elements of such an arrangement; it does not evaluate political feasibility or related factors.
- 2. The example, below, is presented as a point of departure to illustrate the range of factors involved in a joint reconnaissance arrangement. The example is based on the premise of a program having broad international involvement under UN auspices. There are alternative and intermediate arrangements which could also be presented. For illustrative purposes, the following assumptions were used:
  - a. The US and the USSR would announce their joint intention to perform photo reconnaissance of the Middle East cease-fire areas under UN auspices;
  - b. The "fact of" such reconnaissance and the products and information derived therefrom would be made available on an unrestricted basis to all relevant parties, including the belligerents;
  - c. An agreement would exist, containing explicit provisions to be monitored.

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